



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes for April 07, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on April 07, 2025, 3:00 PM, in the House Finance Committee Room 460-M.

Members present: Delegates Anderson B., Bridges, Campbell, Cannon, Crouse, DeVault, Eldridge, Fehrenbacher, Green, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Linville, Lucas, Leavitt, Moore, Parsons, Sheedy, Sr., Street, Young, Zatezalo.

Members absent: Delegates Dillon, Howell, Riley, Steele.

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Zatezalo, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The first item on the agenda was bill on Markup and Passage:

S. B. 940, Relating to Water Pollution Control Act.

Counsel explained the bill. There were no questions or discussion. The Vice-Chairman offered a committee amendment. Counsel explained the amendment. Questions and discussion followed without any further amendments. The Vice-Chairman moved that the amendment be adopted. The Chairman put the question before the Committee and the amendment was adopted. The Vice-Chairman then moved that the bill be presented to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. The Chairman put the question to the Committee and the motion was adopted without further discussion.

S. B. 941, Clarifying authority regarding dams designed by US Conservation Service.

Counsel explained the bill. There were no questions, discussion, or any amendments. The Vice-Chairman then moved that the bill be presented to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question to the Committee and the motion was adopted without further discussion.

Com. Sub. for S. B. 794, Authorizing DOH to erect warning signs.

Counsel explained the bill. There were no questions, discussion, or any amendments. The Vice-Chairman then moved that the bill be presented to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question to the Committee and the motion was adopted without further discussion.

The next item on the agenda were bills on Committee Hearing:

Com. Sub. for S. B. 883, Providing director of WV Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training discretion and authority in certain appointments.

The Sponsor was not available, so counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. The Committee heard testimony from General Counsel John Boothrayd – Office of Miners' Health. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup and Passage stage.

S. B. 942, Modifying requirements for diesel-powered equipment in mines.

The Sponsor was not available, so counsel explained the bill. Questions and discussion followed. The Committee heard testimony from Delegate Vance on the subject matter. Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup and Passage stage.

Com. Sub. for S. B. 592, Relating generally to aboveground storage tanks.

The Sponsor was not available, so counsel explained the Committee Substitute. Questions and discussion followed. The Committee heard testimony from the following companies and agencies:

Deputy Secretary Scott Mandirola – WV DEP,
Site Director John Hebert – DOW
Director Jeff Isner – GOWV and Pillar Energy
Phill Reale – WV Gas & Oil.

Questions and discussion followed each of these agency representatives.

The Chairman then recognized several members of the public for comment on the bill:

Christine Asman

Tyler Cannon

Since it was near the time for the members to report to the floor, Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to recess until fifteen minutes after the floor session was complete.

The Chairman acknowledged the Vice-Chairman, and the Committee stood in recess until 6:06pm.

The Chairman called the meeting to order from recess and public comment continued. The last public comment was from Ms. Honey May.

At this time, Deputy Secretary Mandirola was asked to return to the podium to provide some figures requested by Delegate Fehrenbacher.

With no further comments from the Committee or the public, the Chairman then moved the bill to the Markup and Passage stage.

With there being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chairman looked to the Vice-Chairman for a motion. On Motion of Delegate Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

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Committee Chair

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